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### **GRAIN STOCKS**

All wheat stored in all positions in North Dakota on December 1, 2011 totaled 152 million bushels. This is 40 percent below last year. All wheat stocks include Durum, spring and winter wheat. On-farm stocks are estimated at 100 million bushels, down 46 percent from a year ago. Off-farm stocks, at 51.7 million bushels, are down 24 percent from a year ago. The indicated September - November 2011 disappearance is 71.8 million bushels, down 39 percent from the same period in 2010.

**Durum** wheat stocks in all positions totaled 24.1 million bushels, down 40 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 17.0 million bushels, are down 49 percent from December 1, 2010. Off-farm stocks, at 7.11 million bushels, are up 2 percent from a year ago. The September - November total disappearance is 8.83 million bushels, down from 20.1 million bushels a year ago.

**Barley** stocks in all positions totaled 21.2 million bushels, down 61 percent from a year ago. On-farm stocks, at 10.5 million bushels, are down from 36.5 million bushels a year ago. At 10.7 million bushels, off-farm stocks are down 39 percent from a year ago. Disappearance during the quarter totaled 19.1 million bushels, up from 12.4 million bushels estimated for the same period in 2010.

**Corn** stocks in all positions totaled 158 million bushels, down 19 percent from last year. Of the total stocks, 110 million bushels were stored on farms, down 24 percent from December 1, 2010. Off-farm stocks, at 47.7 million bushels, are down 7 percent from a year ago. Disappearance during the quarter totaled 78.2 million bushels, 13 percent lower than a year earlier.

**Soybean** stocks in all positions totaled 73.4 million bushels, down slightly from 73.7 million bushels last year. On-farm stocks totaled 41.0 million bushels on December 1, 2011, compared with last year's 40.0 million bushels. Off-farm stocks totaled 32.4 million bushels, down 4 percent from a year ago. Disappearance during the quarter totaled 47.2 million bushels, down 31 percent from last year.

**Hay** stocks totaled 6.10 million tons on December 1, up 14 percent from last year. Disappearance since May 1 totaled 374,000 tons, down from last year's 1.26 million tons.

**Capacity** of on-farm grain storage totaled 830 million bushels, up 40.0 million bushels from December 1, 2010. Off-farm grain storage capacity is 343 million bushels, up 2 percent from a year ago

#### **HOG INVENTORY**

The December 1, 2011 all hog and pig inventory, at 151,000 head, increased 8,000 from December 1, 2010 as a result of an increase in both breeding and market hog inventory. Over the past 10 years, the largest December 1 inventory was 182,000 head in 2007, while the low was 143,000 in 2010.

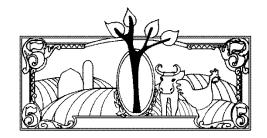
The breeding herd totaled 40,000 head, up 3,000 head from December 1, 2010. The 2011 pig crop totaled a record 812,000 head, up 55,000 from last year's 757,000 head and above the previous high of 763,000 head in 2009. Average pigs per litter, at 10.83, eclipsed last year's 10.37, which had been the highest since recording began in 1924.

Market hogs on December 1 totaled 111,000, up 5,000 from December 1, of 2010. Market inventory by weight group with respective changes from last year are as follows: 45,000 head weighing under 50 pounds, down 15 percent from the previous year; 25,000 head in the 50-119 pound range, up 14 percent; 20,000 head in the 120-179 range, up 25 percent; 21,000 head at or over 180 pounds, up 40 percent.



### AGRICULTURAL PRICES

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Prices received by farmers for spring wheat for
December 2011 averaged \$8.15 per bushel, a
decrease of 52 cents from the November 2011 price.
Soybeans, at \$10.50 per bushel, decreased 80 cents from
the previous month while corn decreased 11 cents to
\$5.30 per bushel.



Prices Received for Field Crops - North Dakota and United States: December 2011 with Comparisons

		North Dakota			Effective		
Item	Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary	U.S. Parity
item	Dec	Nov	Dec	Dec	Nov	Dec	Price
	2010	2011	2011	2010	2011	2011	Dec 2011
Wheat, alldollars/bushel	6.49	8.74	8.38	6.44	7.26	6.45	16.60
Springdollars/bushel	6.72	8.67	8.15	6.60	8.46	7.63	(NA)
Durumdollars/bushel	5.62	10.20	10.40	5.71	10.40	10.40	(NA)
Winterdollars/bushel	5.73	6.59	5.95	6.40	6.42	5.93	(NA)
Barley, alldollars/bushel	3.73	5.33	5.78	3.86	5.39	5.50	11.60
Feeddollars/bushel	3.02	5.31	(D)	3.40	4.87	4.48	(NA)
Maltingdollars/bushel	3.93	5.34	5.90	3.97	5.50	5.72	(NA)
Oatsdollars/bushel	2.99	2.90	(D)	2.94	3.36	3.31	6.84
Sunflower, alldollars/cwt	21.20	30.20	31.40	20.60	29.00	29.80	52.30
Oildollars/cwt	19.50	28.90	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)
Non-oildollars/cwt	25.00	34.10	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)
Canoladollars/cwt	19.50	23.30	22.80	19.50	23.30	22.80	47.60
Soybeansdollars/bushel	10.70	11.30	10.50	11.60	11.70	11.10	25.90
Flaxseeddollars/bushel	13.10	14.00	(D)	13.10	14.00	(D)	27.90
Corndollars/bushel	4.60	5.41	5.30	4.82	5.84	5.44	10.50
Beans, all dry edibledollars/cwt	21.80	39.40	42.10	24.60	39.90	45.30	79.90
Pintodollars/cwt	19.80	39.90	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)
Navydollars/cwt	23.90	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(NA)
Potatoes, alldollars/cwt	9.20	10.50	10.00	9.94	8.54	8.86	22.80
Fresh <sup>1</sup> dollars/cwt	12.30	17.10	(D)	13.63	10.71	(D)	(NA)
Processingdollars/cwt	7.50	7.65	(D)	7.55	7.47	(D)	(NA)
Baled hay, all <sup>2</sup> dollars/ton	60.00	69.00	74.00	111.00	176.00	177.00	(NA)
Alfalfa <sup>2</sup> dollars/ton	63.00	73.00	80.00	121.00	198.00	199.00	(NA)
Other <sup>2</sup> dollars/ton	46.00	52.00	54.00	96.00	122.00	126.00	(NA)

<sup>(</sup>D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations. (S) Insufficient number of reports to establish an estimate. (NA) Not available. <sup>1</sup> Fresh market prices only, includes table stock. <sup>2</sup> Alfalfa, other and all hay are mid-month prices only.

## Prices Received, Prices Paid, and Ratio of Prices Received to Prices Paid Indexes 1990-1992 Base United States: December 2011 with Comparisons

Index	December 2010	November 2011	December 2011					
Prices received by farmers:	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)					
All products	153	184	176					
All crops	170	206	191					
All livestock	134	157	158					
Prices paid by farmers	189	206	205					
Ratio prices received to prices paid	81	89	86					

### **WINTER WHEAT SEEDINGS :**

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Winter wheat seeded area in North Dakota for harvest in 2012 is estimated at 700,000 acres, up from the 2011 crop of 400.000 acres.

### ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION

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Corn for grain production is estimated at 216 million bushels, down 13 percent from last. The average yield is estimated at 105 bushels per harvested acre, down 27 bushels from 2010. Area harvested for grain, at 2.06 million acres, is up from 2010's 1.88 million.

**Soybean** production is estimated at 113 million bushels, up 2 percent from the November forecast but 19 percent below 2010. The average yield was 28.5 bushels per harvested acre, up 0.5 bushels from the November forecast but down 5.5 bushels from 2010. Acres harvested are estimated at 3.95 million, down from 4.07 million acres the previous year.

**Oil sunflower** production is estimated at 690 million pounds, down 31 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 1,380 pounds per harvested acre, down 80 pounds from the previous year. Acres harvested are estimated at 500,000, down from 685,000 in 2010. **Non-oil sunflower** production is estimated at 76 million pounds, down 70 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 1,250 pounds per harvested acre, down 190 pounds from 2010. An estimated 61,000 acres were harvested, compared with 177,000 in 2010.

**Canola** production for 2011 is estimated at 1.28 billion pounds, down 42 percent from 2010. Yield for the 2011 crop is 1,500 pounds per harvested acre, down from 1,720 pounds in

2010. Harvested acres totaled 850,000 acres, down from 1.27 million acres harvested from the 2010 crop.

**Flaxseed** production is estimated at 2.43 million bushels, down 72 percent from 2010. Yield per harvested acre is 16.5 bushels, down from 22.0 bushels the previous year. Acres harvested are estimated at 147,000 acres, compared with 388,000 in 2010.

**Dry edible pea** production is estimated at 1.16 million hundredweight (cwt), down 86 percent from 2010. Yield is estimated at 1,450 pounds per acre, down from 2,030 pounds last year. Acres harvested are estimated at 80,000, down 320,000 acres from 2010.

**Lentil** production is estimated at 824,000, down from 3.93 million cwt in 2010. Yield is estimated at 1,070 pounds per harvested acre, below last year's yield of 1,540 pounds. Lentil acres harvested are estimated at 77,000, compared with 255,000 acres in 2010.

**Sugarbeet** production for 2011 is estimated at 4.61 million tons, down from 2010's 5.67 million tons. Yield is estimated at 20.5 tons per harvested acre, down from 26.5 tons the previous year. Acres harvested are set at 225,000 acres, up from 214,000 acres the previous year.

Crop Area Planted and Harvested - North Dakota and United States: 2010-2011

(Data are the latest estimates available.)

		North I	Dakota		United States				
Crop	Crop Area planted		Area ha	rvested	Area p	olanted	Area harvested		
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	
	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	(1,000 acres)	
Wheat, all	8,530	6,800	8,400	6,590	53,593	54,409	47,619	45,705	
Spring	6,400	5,650	6,300	5,500	13,698	12,394	13,359	12,079	
Durum	1,800	750	1,780	715	2,560	1,369	2,519	1,312	
Winter	330	400	320	375	37,335	40,646	31,741	32,314	
Barley	720	400	670	350	2,872	2,559	2,465	2,239	
Oats	280	170	105	85	3,138	2,496	1,263	939	
Sunflower, all	885.0	580.0	862.0	561.0	1,951.5	1,543.0	1,873.8	1,457.8	
Oil	700.0	510.0	685.0	500.0	1,463.0	1,289.5	1,422.5	1,233.4	
Non-oil	185.0	70.0	177.0	61.0	488.5	253.5	451.3	224.4	
Canola	1,280.0	860.0	1,270.0	850.0	1,448.8	1,071.5	1,430.7	1,043.0	
Soybeans	4,100	4,000	4,070	3,950	77,404	74,976	76,610	73,636	
Flaxseed	390	150	388	147	421	178	418	173	
Safflower	16.0	3.0	15.5	2.9	175.0	130.7	167.7	127.3	
Corn for grain <sup>1</sup>	2,050	2,230	1,880	2,060	88,192	91,921	81,446	83,981	
Corn for silage	(NA)	(NA)	150	150	(NA)	(NA)	5,567	5,928	
Dry edible beans, all	800.0	410.0	770.0	380.0	1,911.4	1,205.9	1,842.7	1,155.9	
Navy	132.0	94.0	128.0	84.0	279.5	204.4	271.7	190.7	
Great northern	5.6	1.8	5.3	1.7	78.5	61.8	69.9	59.7	
Pinto	530.0	225.0	509.0	210.0	842.7	386.7	809.7	366.8	
Dark red kidney	0.9	1.5	0.8	1.4	48.5	48.9	45.7	47.8	
Pink	12.5	10.0	11.9	9.5	33.0	21.1	32.2	20.5	
Small red	1.2	2.5	1.1	2.4	22.9	35.5	22.8	34.8	
Black	101.0	69.0	98.0	65.0	284.0	183.9	278.3	177.9	
Chickpeas, all (Garbanzo)	16.0	4.7	15.2	4.5	146.0	132.9	144.1	131.6	
Small	2.0	3.0	1.9	2.9	25.1	36.9	24.5	36.5	
Large	14.0	1.7	13.3	1.6	120.9	96.0	119.6	95.1	
Other	0.8	1.5	0.7	1.5	51.7	48.2	49.6	46.6	
Dry edible peas	430.0	85.0	400.0	80.0	756.0	362.0	711.4	342.8	
Lentils	265.0	80.0	255.0	77.0	658.0	428.0	634.0	411.0	
Fall potatoes, all	84.0	84.0	80.0	77.0	894.3	957.4	881.8	939.2	
Irrigated <sup>23</sup> Types, reds <sup>3</sup>	28.0	25.5	27.6	25.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Types, reds 3	18.5	21.0	17.2	19.0	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Whites 3	29.5	29.5	27.6	27.1	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Yellows <sup>3</sup> Russets <sup>3</sup>	1.5	0.5	1.4	0.4	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
	34.5	33.0	33.8	30.5	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Sugarbeets	217.0	231.0	214.0	225.0	1,171.9	1,232.8	1,156.1	1,213.1	
Hay, all	(NA)	(NA)	2,550	2,480	(NA)	(NA)	59,872	55,633	
Alfalfa	(NA)	(NA)	1,560	1,550	(NA)	(NA)	19,966	19,213	
All other	(NA)	(NA)	990	930	(NA)	(NA)	39,906	36,420	

(NA) Not available. <sup>1</sup> Area planted for all purposes. <sup>2</sup> Included in all potatoes. <sup>3</sup> Published at state level only.

### ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION (Continued) =

### Crop Yield and Production - North Dakota and United States: 2010-2011

(Data are the latest estimates available.)

Data are the latest estimates available	, , <u> </u>		North Dakota		United States				
Crop	Yield		Production		Yield		Production		
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	
			(1,000)	(1,000)			(1,000)	(1,000)	
Wheat, allbushels	43.0	30.3	361,550	199,858	46.3	43.7	2,206,916	1,999,347	
Winter bushels	55.0	37.0	17,600	13,875	46.8	46.2	1,484,861	1,493,677	
Durumbushels	37.5	25.5	66,750	18,233	42.1	38.5	106,080	50,482	
Springbushels	44.0	30.5	277,200	167,750	46.1	37.7	615,975	455,188	
Barleybushels	65.0	47.0	43,550	16,450	73.1	69.6	180,268	155,780	
Oatsbushels	61.0	52.0	6,405	4,420	64.3	57.1	81,190	53,649	
Sunflower, allpounds	1,456	1,366	1,254,980	766,250	1,460	1,398	2,735,570	2,038,275	
Oilpounds	1,460	1,380	1,000,100	690,000	1,458	1,397	2,074,500	1,722,675	
Non-oilpounds	1,440	1,250	254,880	76,250	1,465	1,406	661,070	315,600	
Canolapounds	1,720	1,500	2,184,400	1,275,000	1,713	1,475	2,450,428	1,538,010	
Soybeansbushels	34.0	28.5	138,380	112,575	43.5	41.5	3,329,181	3,056,032	
Flaxseedbushels	22.0	16.5	8,536	2,426	21.7	16.1	9,056	2,791	
Safflowerpounds	850	850	13,175	2,465	1,320	1,333	221,335	169,671	
Corn for grainbushels	132.0	105.0	248,160	216,300	152.8	147.2	12,446,865	12,358,412	
Corn for silagetons	14.0	15.0	2,100	2,250	19.3	18.4	107,314	108,926	
Dry edible beans, all 1cwt	1,490	1,300	11,473	4,940	1,726	1,716	31,801	19,833	
Navy <sup>1</sup> cwt	1,530	1,340	1,958	1,125	1,754	1,703	4,766	3,248	
Great northern 1cwt	1,530	1,000	81	17	2,007	2,003	1,403	1,196	
Pinto <sup>1</sup> cwt	1,480	1,290	7,534	2,709	1,706	1,601	13,814	5,874	
Dark red kidney 1cwt	1,880	1,300	15	18	1,823	1,669	833	798	
Pink <sup>1</sup> cwt	1,330	1,670	158	159	1,820	1,990	586	408	
Small red 1cwt	1,550	1,250	17	30	2,096	2,118	478	737	
Black <sup>1</sup> cwt	1,480	1,260	1,450	819	1,675	1,696	4,661	3,018	
Chickpeas, all (Garbanzo) 1cwt	1,640	1,040	250	47	1,346	1,628	1,939	2,143	
Small 1cwt	1,740	1,010	33	29	1,408	1,559	345	569	
Large <sup>1</sup> cwt	1,630	1,100	217	18	1,333	1,655	1,594	1,574	
Other 1cwt	1,430	1,080	10	16	1,875	1,910	930	890	
Dry edible peas <sup>1</sup> cwt	2,030	1,450	8,120	1,160	1,999	1,641	14,221	5,625	
Lentils <sup>1</sup> cwt	1,540	1,070	3,927	824	1,365	1,151	8,657	4,732	
Fall potatoes, allcwt	275	245	22,000	18,865	416	414	366,505	388,873	
Irrigated <sup>23</sup> cwt Types, reds <sup>3</sup> cwt	405	350	11,170	8,750	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Types, reds "cwt	190	190	3,270	3,610	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Whites 3cwt	215	205	5,935	5,550	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Yellows <sup>3</sup> cwt	211	238	295	95	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Russets <sup>3</sup>	370	315	12,500	9,610	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	
Sugarbeetstons	26.5	20.5	5,671	4,613	27.7	23.7	32,034	28,789	
Hay, alltons	2.09	2.11	5,321	5,224	2.43	2.36	145,624	131,144	
Alfalfatons	2.30	2.35	3,588	3,643	3.40	3.40	67,971	65,332	
All othertons	1.75	1.70	1,733	1,581	1.95	1.81	77,653	65,812	

<sup>(</sup>NA) Not available. <sup>1</sup> Yield in pounds. <sup>2</sup> Included in all potatoes. <sup>3</sup> Published at state level only.

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